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SENATE MEMORIAL 19

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE TO
LOCATE A REGIONAL PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IN THE
ALBUQUERQUE AREA.

WHEREAS, the United States patent and trademark office is
considering locations for a regional satellite patent and
trademark office; and

WHEREAS, the new regional office would bring about one
hundred high-wage jobs and provide a critical resource for the
large number of entrepreneurs and innovators in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque area is home to a highly educated
work force, a low cost of living and numerous and varied
amenities that make the area ideally suited to a regional
patent and trademark office; and

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque area is also home to a large

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1 number of patent attorneys and employees with science and
2 engineering doctorates, and locating a regional patent and
3 trademark office in the area would allow the United States
4 patent and trademark office to help meet its mission of serving
5 that community; and

6 WHEREAS, the combination of Sandia national laboratories,
7 Los Alamos national laboratory, the Air Force research
8 laboratory, New Mexico institute of mining and technology, New
9 Mexico state university and the university of New Mexico
10 generates a vibrant, unique research and development culture in
11 the area that would provide the United States patent and
12 trademark office with a wealth of technically knowledgeable
13 personnel from which to recruit patent examiners; and

14 WHEREAS, given New Mexico's relatively small population
15 and high unemployment rate, locating a regional patent and
16 trademark office in central New Mexico would have a larger
17 economic impact than locating one in another state;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that the United States patent and trademark
20 office be strongly encouraged to locate its next regional
21 office in the Albuquerque area; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to Mr. David Kappos, the under secretary for
24 intellectual property, United States patent and trademark
25 office, department of commerce; and the New Mexico

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